

Abstract

Welfare of women during pregnancy and maternity

The main aim of this thesis is to identify and analyse key issues within the current welfare system for woman during pregnancy and maternity. This will then allow recommendations to improve Czech legislation. The reason of choosing this theme is my deep interest in this sphere.

The thesis discusses a broad range of issues over eight chapters; each chapter examines different aspects of the issue. First Chapter simply defines basic terminology associated with the subject. Chapter Two deals with the history of women's welfare during pregnancy and maternity and describes how legislation for those women has evolved over the past years. Chapter Three puts women's welfare in an international and constitutional context. Chapter Four examines the two main subdivisions of legislation. Part One is concerned with doses of the health insurance system. Part Two deals with doses of the state social support. Chapter Five looks at women's welfare during pregnancy and maternity in labour law. Chapter Six illustrates the approach to imprisoned women and their rights during pregnancy and maternity. Chapter Seven looks at the relevance of substitute family care within the sphere of welfare. The final chapter highlights the key differences between Czech and Slovak legislation.

Conclusions are drawn at the end of my thesis. The main aim of the thesis was to characterize the welfare of women during pregnancy and maternity and to propose and recommend some changes of legislation de lege ferenda.